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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The relevance of the foreign-language documents is described in the present specification. English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

Mayr et al. ("Charakterisierung eines Stutenabortvirus aus Polen und Vergleich mit bekannten Rhinopneumonitisvirus-Staemmen aus Pferdes" (1965)) describe an agent isolated in Poland from an aborted horse fetus. The agent was characterized as an equine rhinopneumonitis virus (RAC strain). The virus was characterized with a neutralization test as a subtype 2 strain.

Mayr et al. (Berliner und Munchener Tierarzliche Wochenschrift"; vol. 19, pp. 372-378 (1968)) describe the differentiation, clinical signs, epidemics, diagnosis and controls of the most important viral diseases in horses. The viruses were classified by their morphological, chemical-physical and biological properties.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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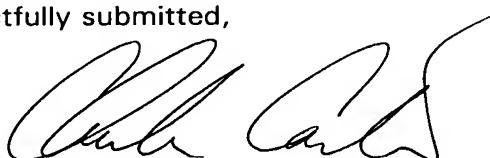


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